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Washington, D.C. 20231

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): FRANK J. TRUNK

WARNING: Patent must be applied for in the name(s) of all of the actual inventor(s), 37 CFR 1.41(a) and 1.53(b).

For (title): **METHOD OF MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS OF  
VISCOELASTIC MATERIALS FOR STRESS, STRAIN AND  
DEFORMATION**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date 26 July 2001 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL854085916US, addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Frank J. Trunk  
(type or print name of person mailing paper)

[Signature]  
Signature of person mailing paper

NOTE: Each paper or fee referred to as enclosed herein has the number of the "Express Mail" mailing label placed thereon prior to mailing. 37 CFR 1.10(b).

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**1. Type of Application**

This new application is for a(n)

(check one applicable item below)

- ☒ Original (nonprovisional)  
☐ Original (provisional)  
☐ Design  
☐ Plant

**WARNING:** Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4), unless the International Application is being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.

**WARNING:** Do not use this transmittal for the filing of a provisional application.

**NOTE:** If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and attach **ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED** and a **NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THE FILING OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION**.

- ☐ Divisional.  
☐ Continuation.  
☒ Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

**2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, or 121)**

**NOTE:** If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International Application which is designated in the U.S., or benefit of a prior provisional application is claimed, then check the following item and complete and attach **ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED**.

**WARNING:** If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier filed application and, if not, the applicant should consider cancelling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.

**WARNING:** When the last day of pendency of a provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, any nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application **must** be filed prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).

- ☒ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application 09/438,120 and enclosed are **ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED**.

**3. Papers Enclosed That Are Required for Filing Date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design) Application**

- 252 Pages of specification  
1 Pages of Claims  
1 Pages of Abstract  
47 Sheets of drawing  
☐ Formal  
☒ Informal

**WARNING:**

**DO NOT** submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to § 1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. Comments on proposed new 37 CFR 1.84. Notice of March 9, 1988 (1990 O.G. 57-62).

**NOTE:**

"Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawing a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. (½ inch) down from the top of the page." 37 C.F.R. 1.84(c).

(complete the following, if applicable)

- ☐ The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. 184(b).

**4. Additional papers enclosed**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.98)  
☐ Form PTO-1449  
☐ Citations  
☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit  
☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.  
☐ Authorization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative  
☐ Special Comments  
☐ Other

**5. Declaration or oath**

- ☒ Enclosed  
Executed by

(check all applicable boxes)

- ☒ inventor(s).  
☐ legal representative of inventor(s). (37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43).  
☐ joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.  
☐ This is the petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.  
☐ Not Enclosed.

**WARNING:**

Where the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an International Application, but where a declaration is not available, or where the completion of the U.S. application contains subject matter in addition to the International Application, the application may be treated as a continuation or continuation-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.

- ☐ Application is made by a person authorized under 37 CFR 1.41(c) on behalf of *all the above named inventor(s)*.  
(The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e) can be filed subsequently).

NOTE: It is important that all the correct inventor(s) are named for filing under 37 CFR 1.41(c) and 1.53(b).

- ☐ Showing that the filing is authorized.  
(not required unless called into question. 37 CFR 1.41(d))

## 6. Inventorship Statement

WARNING: If the named inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

- ☒ The same  
or  
☐ Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,  
☐ is submitted.  
☐ will be submitted.

## 7. Language

NOTE: An application including a signed oath or declaration may be filed in a language other than English. A verified English translation of the non-English language application and the processing fee of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.17(k) is required to be filed with the application, or within such time as may be set by the Office. 37 CFR 1.52(d).

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 CFR 1.69(b).

- ☒ English  
☐ Non-English  
☐ The attached translation is a verified translation. 37 CFR 1.52(d).

## 8. Assignment

- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ is attached. A separate ☐ "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or  
☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.  
☐ will follow.

NOTE: "If an assignment is submitted with a new application, send two separate letters-one for the application and one for the assignment." Notice of May 4, 1990 (1114 O.G. 77-78).

WARNING: A newly executed "CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)" must be filed when a continuation-in-part application is filed by an assignee. Notice of April 30, 1993, 1150 O.G. 62-64.

## 9. Certified Copy

Certified copy(ies) of application(s)

country appl no. filed

country appl no. filed

country appl no. filed

from which priority is claimed

☐ is (are) attached.

☐ will follow.

NOTE: The foreign application forming the basis for the claim for priority must be referred to in the oath or declaration. 37 CFR 1.55(a) and 1.63.

NOTE: This item is for any foreign priority for which the application being filed directly relates. If any parent U.S. application or International Application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 is itself entitled to priority from a prior foreign application, then complete item 18 on the ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

## 10. Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

A. ☒ Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED				
Number filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee	
			37 CFR 1.16(a)	
			\$710.00	
Total				
Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c)) <input type="checkbox"/> - 20 = 0	x	\$18.00	=	
Independent				
Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)) <input type="checkbox"/> - 3 = 0	x	\$78.00	=	
Multiple dependent claim(s),				
if any (37 CFR 1.16(d)) <input type="checkbox"/>	+	\$260.00	=	-0-

☐ Amendment cancelling extra claims enclosed.

☐ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies enclosed.

☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims cancelled by amendment, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark Office in any notice of fee deficiency. 37 CFR (1.16(d)).

Filing Fee Calculation

\$ \$710.00

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B. ☐ Design application  
(\$310.00 or \$155.00—37 CFR 1.16(f))  
Filing Fee Calculation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. ☐ Plant Application  
(\$480.00 or \$240.00—37 CFR 1.16(g))  
Filing Fee Calculation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Small Entity Statement(s)**

☐ Verified Statement(s) that this is a filing by a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is (are) attached.

**WARNING:** "Status as a small entity in one application or patent does not affect any other application or patent, including applications or patents which are directly or indirectly dependent upon the application or patent in which the status has been established. A nonprovisional application claiming benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, 121, or 365(c) of a prior application may rely on a verified statement filed in the prior application if the nonprovisional application includes a reference to a verified statement in the prior application or includes a copy of the verified statement filed in the prior application if status as a small entity is still proper and desired." 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a).

(complete the following, if applicable)

☒ Status as a small entity was claimed in prior application 09/438,120, filed on November 10, 1999, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under:

35 U.S.C. ☐ 119(e),  
☒ 120,  
☐ 121,  
☐ 365(c),

and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

☒ A copy of the verified statement in the prior application is included.

Filing Fee Calculation (50%) of A, B, or C above \$ 355.00

**NOTE:** Any excess of the full fee paid will be refunded if a verified statement and a refund request are filed within 2 months of the date of timely payment of a full fee. The two-month period is not extendable under § 1.136. 37 CFR 1.28(a).

**12. Request for International-Type Search (37 CFR 1.104(d))**

(complete, if applicable)

☐ Please prepare an international-type search report for this application at the time when national examination on the merits takes place.

**13. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

☐ Not Enclosed

☐ No filing fee is to be paid at this time.

*(This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.)*

☒ Enclosed

☒ Basic filing fee \$ 355.00

☐ Recording Assignment  
(\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(h))  
(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR  
ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW  
APPLICATION.") \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the  
inventors or person on behalf of the inventor  
where inventor refused to sign or cannot be  
reached.  
(\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.47 and 1.17(h)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ For processing an application with a  
specification in a non-English language.  
(\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.52(d) and 1.17(k)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Processing and retention fee.  
(\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.53(d) and 1.21(l)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Fee for international-type search report  
(\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(e)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application that is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) and this, as well as the changes to 37 CFR 1.53 and 1.78, indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee must be paid, or the processing and retention fee of § 1.21(l) must be paid, within 1 year from notification under § 53(d).

Total fees enclosed \$ 355.00

**14. Method of Payment of Fees**

☒ Check in the amount of \$ 355.00 (Basic Filing Fee);

☐ Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ for any deficiency.

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

**NOTE:** Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 CFR 1.22(b).

## 15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

**WARNING:** *If no fees are to be paid on filing, the following items should not be completed.*

**WARNING:** *Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges, if extra claim charges are authorized.*

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 50-0897:

☒ 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

☒ 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

**NOTE:** *Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 CFR 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.*

☐ 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

☐ 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)

**WARNING:** *While 37 CFR 1.17(a), (b), (c), and (d) deal with extensions of time under § 1.136(a), this authorization should be made only with the knowledge that: "Submission of the appropriate extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is to no avail unless a request or petition for extension is filed." (Emphasis added). Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).*

☐ 37 CFR 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b))

**NOTE:** *Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 CFR 1.311(b).*

**NOTE:** *37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying, . . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.*

## 16. Instruction as to Overpayment

☒ Credit Account No. 50-0897.

☐ Refund

  
Signature of Attorney

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**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF  
PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED**

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78.

**17. Relate Back****WARNING:**

*If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121, or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.*

(complete the following, if applicable)

☒ Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

**A. 35. U.S. C. § 119(e)****NOTE:**

*"Any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending provisional applications must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to each such prior provisional application, identifying it as a provisional application, and including the provisional application number (consisting of series code and serial number). "37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(4).*

☐ "This application claims the benefits of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No.(s).:

**APPLICATION NO(S).:****FILING DATE**

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**B. 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 AND 365(c)**

**NOTE:** "Except for a continued prosecution application filed under § 1.53(d), any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or international applications designating the United States of America must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to each such prior application, identifying it by application number (consisting of the series code and serial number) or international application number and international filing date and indicating the relationship of the applications. . . . Cross-references to other related applications may be made when appropriate." (See § 1.14(a)). 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

☒ This application is a  
    ☐ continuation  
    ☒ continuation-in-part  
    ☐ divisional  
of copending application(s)

☒ application number 90/438,120 filed on November 20, 1999 "  
☐ International Application \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and which designated the U.S."

**NOTE:** The proper reference to a prior filed PCT application that entered the U.S. national phase is U.S. serial number and the filing date of the PCT application that designated the U.S.

**NOTE:** (1) Where the application being transmitted adds subject matter to the International Application, then the filing can be as a continuation-in-part or (2) if it is desired to do so for other reasons then the filing can be as a continuation.

**NOTE:** The deadline for entering the national phase in the U.S. for an international application was clarified in the Notice of April 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 to 46) as follows:

"The Patent and Trademark Office considers the International application to be pending until the 22<sup>nd</sup> month from the priority date if the United States has been designated and no Demand for International Preliminary Examination has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19<sup>th</sup> month from the priority date and until the 32<sup>nd</sup> month from the priority date if a Demand for International Preliminary Examination which elected the United States of America has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19<sup>th</sup> month from the priority date, provided that a copy of the international application has been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 or 30 month period respectively. If a copy of the international application has not been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 or 30 month period respectively, the international application becomes abandoned as to the United States 20 or 30 months from the priority date respectively. These periods have been placed in the rules as paragraph (h) of § 1.494 and paragraph (i) of § 1.495. A continuing application under 35 U.S.C. 365(c) and 120 may be filed anytime during the pendency of the international application."

☒ "The non-provisional application designated above, namely application  
    09/438,120, filed November 10, 1999, claims the benefit of U.S.  
Provisional Application(s) No(s).:

APPLICATION NO(S):	FILING DATE
09/007,287	January 14, 1998
/	"

☐ Where more than one reference is made above, please combine all references into one sentence.

**18. Relate Back—35 U.S.C. § 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application**

The prior U.S. application(s), including any prior International Application designating the U.S., identified above in item 17B, in turn itself claim(s) foreign priority(ies) as follows:

Country	Appln. No.	Filed on
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The certified copy(ies) has (have)

☐ been filed on \_\_\_\_\_, in prior application 0 / \_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ is (are) attached.

**WARNING:**

*The certified copy of the priority application that may have been communicated to the PTO by the International Bureau may not be relied on without any need to file a certified copy of the priority application in the continuing application. This is so because the certified copy of the priority application communicated by the International Bureau is placed in a folder and is not assigned a U.S. serial number unless the national stage is entered. Such folders are disposed of if the national stage is not entered. Therefore, such certified copies may not be available if needed later in the prosecution of a continuing application. An alternative would be to physically remove the priority documents from the folders and transfer them to the continuing application. The resources required to request transfer, retrieve the folders, make suitable record notations, transfer the certified copies, enter and make a record of such copies in the Continuing Application are substantial. Accordingly, the priority documents in folders of international applications that have not entered the national stage may be relied on. Notice of April 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 to 46).*

**19. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application**

**NOTE:** *The PTO finds it useful if a copy of the petition filed in the prior application extending the term for response is filed with the papers constituting the filing of the continuation application. Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).*

**A. ☒ Extension of time in prior application**

(This item must be completed and the papers filed in the prior application, the if period set in the prior application has run.)

☒ A petition, fee and response extends the term in the pending prior application until July 30, 2001.

☐ A copy of the petition filed in prior application is attached.

**B. ☐ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application**

(complete this item, if previous item not applicable)

☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending prior application.

☐ A copy of the conditional petition filed in the prior application is attached.

**20. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed**

(complete applicable item (a), (b), and/or (c) below)

- (a) ☒ This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor(s) in this application are

☒ the same.

☐ less than those named in the prior application. It is requested that the following inventor(s) identified for the prior application be deleted:

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(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)

- (b) ☐ This application discloses and claims additional disclosure by amendment and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application, the inventor(s) in this application are

☐ the same.

☐ the following inventor(s) have been:

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(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be added)

- (c) This inventorship for all the claims in this application are

☒ the same.

☐ not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made

☐ is submitted.

☐ will be submitted.

**21. Abandonment of Prior Application (if applicable)**

- ☐ Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending, or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted, and when this application is granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending with said prior application.

**NOTE:** According to the Notice of May 13, 1983 (103 TMOG 6-7), the filing of a continuation or continuation-in-part application is a proper response with respect to a petition for extension of time or a petition to revive and should include the express abandonment of the prior application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

**22. Petition for Suspension of Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment**

**WARNING:** "The claims of a new application may be finally rejected in the first Office action in those situations where (A) the new application is a continuing application of, or a substitute for, an earlier application, and (b) all the claims of the new application (1) are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application, and (2) would have been properly finally rejected on the grounds of art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application." M.P.E.P., § 706.07(b), 7th ed.

**NOTE:** Where it is possible that the claims on file will give rise to a first action final for this continuation application and for some reason an amendment cannot be filed promptly (e.g., experimental data is being gathered) it may be desirable to file a petition for suspension of prosecution for the time necessary.

(check the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ There is provided herewith a Petition To Suspend Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently)

**23. Small Entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a))**

- ☒ Applicant has established small entity status by the filing of a statement in parent application 08/223,213 filed on April 14, 1994.

☐ A copy of the statement previously filed is included.

**WARNING:** See 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a).

**WARNING:** "Small entity status must not be established when the person or persons signing the . . . statement can unequivocally make the required self-certification." M.P.E.P., § 509.03, 7th ed. (emphasis added).

**24. NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THIS FILING**

- ☒ A notification of the filing of this

(check one of the following)

- ☐ continuation  
☒ continuation-in-part  
☐ divisional

is being filed in the parent application, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

**ADDENDUM**  
**TO ADDED PAGES NO. 17. B.**  
**35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121, AND 365(c)**

This application is a Continuation-In-Part of Application Serial No. 09/438,120 filed on November 10, 1999 which claims its priority from Application Serial No. 09/007,287 filed January 14, 1998, which claims its priority from Application Serial No. 60/055,920 filed August 16, 1997, and is a Continuation-In-Part of Application Serial No. 08/815,369 filed March 10, 1997 (now abandoned), which is a Continuation-In-Part of Application Serial No. 08/471,228 filed June 6, 1995 (now abandoned), which is a Continuation-In-Part of Application Serial No. 08/223,213 filed on April 15, 1994.





"Since the filing of correspondence under § 1.10 without the Express Mail Mailing label thereon is an oversight that can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care, request for waiver of this requirement will not be granted on petition." Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 56,439, at 56,442.

(Notification of Filing of Continuing, Divisional or Continued Prosecution Application [4-9] (page 1 of 2))

  
SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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